



A FEW REQUESTS TO DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

CHRISTMAS CHEER  
FOR ALL CLASSES

Holiday Spirit Pervades the  
Entire District.

DINNER FOR THE POOR

DISTRIBUTION OF HUNDREDS OF  
BASKETS OF GOOD THINGS.

Feast for a Thousand to Be Spread at  
Homeward Bound Mission—En-  
tertainment for Children.

In the name of sweet charity the capital city today and tomorrow will see a most generous outpouring of all that is good for the spirit of man and good for his physical being. Churches today will gather their worshippers and afterward many of the people of all denominations will quietly carry out plans for making a season long to be remembered by the needy members of the congregations.

Christmas day will bring the largest proportion of pleasure to the greatest number of people, and corresponding rejoicing to the poor, who for one day in the year, at least are brought into touch with the all-pervading spirit of good will. From early morning until late in the evening the substantial of life, together with many luxuries, to the deserving poor, will be distributed in the form of baskets of food and clothing. Religious and charitable organizations will serve dinners of "turkey and trimmings" to all who apply. Altogether it would seem that not one hungry mouth should go wanting on the morrow.

Even in the correctional institutions of the District, where men and women who have sinned against the law are immolated, the officials have indicated that the unfortunate shall receive practical assurance that they are not of class apart, but are entitled to a share of human pity and human kindness.

Dinners for a Thousand.

At the Homeward Bound Mission a dinner will be given for 1,000 of the city's poor. The dinner will commence at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon and the menu will consist of roast beef and potatoes, with cranberry sauce and other seasonal vegetables, wending up with the genuine English pudding and sauce. The wondrous receipt of which Mrs. Halsam has a copy, has been secured by the mission.

The Central Union Mission does its greatest work toward providing for the poor and needy of the city. It has a large number of men and women who are as a rule sent out very few, if any, baskets on Christmas. This year, however, a large number of baskets containing the substantial of life are sent to the worthy ones of the city. The mission has a morning service from 10 to 12 o'clock on Christmas day. All the members of the board of directors will likely be present. Mr. O. B. Brown, chairman of the board, will be present. The entire mission household, that is, the employees, about twenty, come in for special recognition at this service. In appreciation of their faithful labors the board has for years presented each one with some little gift. It is understood that tomorrow there will be a great surprise in store for the superintendent, and that not only will he remember him in kindness for his arduous duties, strenuous life and faithful services, but that the many friends and workers of the mission from the outside propose to show in some tangible way the high esteem which he has held by the public who know his worth.

The Salvation Army.

Those in charge of the work of the Salvation Army in this city will do all in their power to make as many poor people as possible happy with baskets and the children with small presents. Some time ago when Capt. Brookman was transferred from the post in this city to Brooklyn he was succeeded by Capt. Harry Bayes, who immediately began the work of preparing for the Christmas celebration by the army in the capital city. Bright and early on Christmas morning the Salvationists will begin their work of delivering baskets of food to the poor families which they have found since the work began. Those who are on the lists of the army will each be provided with a large basket. There will be a large Christmas tree at the headquarters on Christmas evening, to which a number of poor children have been invited. Each child who attends the celebration will be given a box of candy, an orange and some small present, which will make the childish heart glad. At the evening celebration Capt. Bayes has planned to have an entertainment, with music and other pleasant features. This year the pleasure the Salvation Army intends to give to the children will surpass all of the previous efforts.

At the Workhouse and Jail.

Even at the workhouse and the almshouse and the Washington Asylum Hospital the season will not be lacking in its demonstration of the spirit of "good will to men." Today there will be two special Christmas services, at which all the inmates of the great institution will be gathered, and at noon tomorrow a dinner—sumptuous, indeed, for they share the correctional establishment of turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet and white potatoes and mince pie, will be served to the 702 inmates. For the season, too, all restrictions as to visitors will be removed, and all inmates will be permitted to see their friends. It is expected that many small presents will be exchanged during the day. Warden Harris has made no extra provision for the entertainment of the 400 men who are taken in the District Jail. There will be the usual three religious services held today, the first one being be-

FEARS OF A REVOLT

State of Siege in Ten Polish  
Provinces.

TROOPS FOR COURLAND

STRIKE LEADERS VIOLENT IN  
TACTICS.

Efforts to Use Bombs Yesterday Morning  
Checked—Troubles in  
Finland.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 23, 4 p.m.—The fears that the revolt in Lithuania will extend to Poland have become so acute that Gov. Gen. Skalon at Warsaw, acting under authority of the Imperial ukase of November 24, has declared that a state of siege exists in the ten Polish provinces.

Ukases of the guard and the Empress' Own Regiment have been dispatched to Courland. A telegram received from Riga announces the arrival there of two battalions of rifle-men and a battery of machine guns.

In their desperation have decided to resort to violent tactics and to blow up the bridges and the right of way of the railroads leading out of St. Petersburg.

The first attempt at the use of bombs, with which the revolutionists are well supplied, was made this morning on Schlusseiburg avenue. A revolutionist was about to throw a bomb at a passing patrol which was escorting non-union workmen to the Semlannkopf mills, when it exploded, blowing off the man's arm. He was then taken into custody.

A Picturesque Affair.

HELSINKI, Finland, undated, by courier to St. Petersburg, December 23.—The convocation of the Finnish diet, marking simultaneously the restoration of Finnish liberties and the last appearance on the European stage of the parliament consisting of the four ancient estates, the nobles, the clergy, the burghers and the peasantry, was an exceedingly picturesque affair. The old world ceremonial was followed. Heralds made their appearance in the streets summoning the estates to the magnificent cathedral, where, amid gorgeous trappings, prayers were said and the diet was opened in the Swedish and Finnish tongues. Then the estates, headed by Gov. Gen. Gerhard and his suite in brilliant uniform, marched in an imposing procession between cheering crowds to the palace overlooking the sea. There, standing in front of the gilded throne surmounted with the golden lion of Finland and the double-headed eagle of Russia, the governor general, in the name of his imperial master, gave back the ancient liberties to the hardy race of the north whose brave struggle against the Russification of their country has attracted the sympathy of the world.

The audience at the palace contained many persons who had suffered in exile rather than submit to this. Baron von Born, a noble of the nobility, who replied to the emperor's speech in behalf of his estate, and M. Pekka, who spoke on behalf of the peasantry, had returned to Finland since the manifesto was issued. The emperor's speech was acted as spokesman for the clergy and M. Von Pale, a banker, for the burghers.

Imperial Manifesto Accepted.

The replies of the presidents of the estates were cordial in vein, but each took care to say that the imperial manifesto was "accepted as the restoration of the original constitution and rights of Finland guaranteed by Alexander I."

At the same time they added their assurance that the emperor might have full confidence in the loyalty of the Finns under a regime of legislative, executive and judicial freedom. Baron von Born also took occasion to say that "the universal satisfaction with which the world welcomed the inauguration of a new era for Russia is heartily echoed by Finland," and at the conclusion of the ceremonies he called for three cheers for the emperor, which were given enthusiastically. Throughout the ceremony the best of feelings were manifested, and this evening there is general merry-making in the city, the socialists refraining from making counter demonstrations.

VICE PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS.

Members of Gridiron Club Meet James Whitcomb Riley.

Vice President Fairbanks entertained the Gridiron Club at dinner last night to meet Mr. James Whitcomb Riley, "The Hoosier poet." The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks received the company in the spacious parlors of their home at 1701 K street, and the Gridiron men were presented to Mr. Riley.

When the company sat down to dinner it was found that only members of the Gridiron Club beside Mr. Riley and the host were present, whereupon an executive session was declared.

American Woman Dies Abroad.

ROME, December 23.—Mrs. Franklin Simmons (nee Slocum) of Providence, R. I., wife of the well-known American sculptor, died suddenly here today of heart disease. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Simmons she was Baroness Von Jellasse.

TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL.

Arrested Leaders in Recent Colombian Conspiracy.

BUENA VENTURA, Colombia, December 23.—The arrested leaders of the recent conspiracy against the Colombian government are being tried by court-martial.

The government announces that it is in a position to suppress any revolutionary movement.

The contracts for the construction of railroads by foreign companies have been approved by President Reyes.

Minister Mendoza of Colombia today received a cablegram from President Reyes as follows: "I am very glad to see the Associated Press. All the country is tranquil. Have more confidence in peace. Exchanges going down."

"GENERAL REYES." The minister said that the fact that the exchanges are going down is the best indication that there is no danger to the government from the revolutionary movement as the monetary system is dependent upon the stability of the government.

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SEIZED THE TREASURY

Pennsylvania Sheriff Takes  
Charge.

WRIT OF ATTACHMENT

MOB OF ANGRY CITIZENS FOL-  
LOWS LAW OFFICERS.

Ohio Bridge Company Has Judgment  
for Nearly Half a Million  
Dollars.

Special Dispatch to The Star.  
BEAVER, Pa., December 23.—In the face of an enraged and hissing mob of citizens and county office-holders and employees, Sheriff Gibson swooped down on this, the county seat of Butler county, this afternoon with a writ of attachment and seized the county treasury. In it is a surplus of \$40,000 and the Christmas salaries of the county officers and employees who were to have been paid today.

The seizure was the result of a judgment for \$450,000 obtained against the county by the Ohio Bridge Company. The officials and employees knew the writ of attachment had been issued several days ago, but never believed the sheriff would be allowed to put it in force. Yesterday, however, when it became apparent that the order of the court was to be carried out, there was a wild scramble to get out of the doomed treasury money to run the officials over the holiday season. A few of the bigger officials, it is said, were successful in obtaining warrants which allowed them to get out their salaries this morning, but the smaller fry met with no such success. Accordingly when Sheriff Gibson and three deputies came here from Butler this morning they were confronted by an angry and jeering mob, who promised all sorts of retaliation, physical and political, if they should dare enforce their writs. The sheriff was unmoved by threats, however, and to-night the treasury is in his hands, as well as the office of the county commissioners, and he will collect the revenues of both until the big judgment is satisfied.

RUSSIAN HORRORS

DESCRIPTION IN DETAIL PROVES  
HARROWING.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 23.—A description of mob horrors in Russia is contained in a letter just received by Dr. Max S. Mandell of this city from a friend in Ekaterinoklav. It is dated November 10. The letter says in part:

"We were saved by the kindness of a Christian friend, who gave us a place to hide in, and kept watch for us himself. Three days before, early in the morning, the cry, 'Kill the Jews!' spread like wildfire all over the town, especially in the district where we live, and ere we had a chance to think what to do the mob began to batter the adjoining house and kill its inmates in a most brutal way, regardless of sex or age."

"A friend, a Mr. Pregov, on hearing the ferocious hurrahs of the mob, thought of us and hurriedly came to our rescue. He took us to his stable, where we remained with our two little ones for three days without a morsel of food or a drop of water, but with a horrible death staring us in the face every moment of the time."

"Many have lost their lives, in addition to similar sufferings, and more remain crippled for life with no means of support. Others were compelled to witness the brutal dismemberment of their dear ones before their eyes. The Russian people are now a helpless Jewish woman, who apparently had run to a place of safety, carrying a child in her arms. The beast snatched the infant out of its mother's arms and dismembered it, holding out every part of it to her face and then forced the hysterical mother into shame which killed her."

"This frightful butchery would not have ended so soon were it not for the heroic and armed interference on the part of the social revolutionists and a number of students."

STEAMER ASHORE.

Passengers of the Portland Taken Off  
in Boats.

SEATTLE, Wash., December 23.—The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Portland is ashore on Eptre, nine miles south of Ketchikan. The steamer is leaking badly and may be a total loss. Dispatches say that the water is now above the boilers, and that the passengers have been taken to Ketchikan in small boats.

CAUSED EXCITEMENT.

Alleged Effort to Steal Cope in Italy.

DAILY HELD FOR TRIAL.

Charged With Producing an Immoral Play.

MOSCOW IN FUROR

Two Bombs Thrown at Police  
Building.

FIGHTING GALORE

MANY REVOLUTIONARIES AR-  
RESTED AT FIDLER SCHOOL.

Men Armed With Bombs and Revolvers  
After the Prefect of  
Police.

MOSCOW, December 23.—Two bombs were thrown at the prefecture of police this morning, partially destroying that building. Two policemen were killed and a soldier was wounded. Serious fighting is now proceeding between an armed crowd and a force of dragoons.

One hundred and twenty revolutionaries were arrested today at the Fidler School. Resistance was offered there, and five persons were killed and twenty wounded. Two officers were killed. The authorities seized eighty-one rifles, fifteen revolvers and thirteen bombs. A number of officers and policemen were disarmed in the streets and several policemen were killed.

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Terrific Explosion of Dynamite Near  
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CUMBERLAND, Md., December 23.—A terrific explosion last night about 10 o'clock of 3,000 pounds of dynamite stored in the powder house of McCoy & Nugent's camp near Magnolia, W. Va., twenty-three miles east of here, where the contractors are finishing Kessler tunnel, on the western Maryland extension, entirely wiped out the powder house, wrecked the blacksmith shop, eight cars and part of the track. Window glass in houses full of holes. The house broken and the noise of the explosion was heard fifteen miles away from the scene.

Charles Dixon, powder man for the camp, is missing, and it is not known but that he was blown to atoms. No trace of him could be found today, and at the place where he should have been the only trace was a hole in the ground. The powder house was 100 yards from the camp, and just before the explosion took place Dixon went over a six up the fire in the powder house stove, to keep the dynamite from freezing. It is thought the building had caught fire from the stove before Dixon arrived, and that this was the cause of the explosion. A trace of Dixon could be found the camp men think he ran away, knowing that the fire meant explosion. Although the blacksmith shop was blown down, the house had been housed there for the night was unharmed, standing where it had been left.

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ODELL DOWN AND OUT.

So Believe Republicans at New York  
Headquarters.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Assemblyman James W. Wadsworth, Jr., the anti-Odell candidate for speaker, went to Washington today to have a conference with President Roosevelt. Before leaving he said:

"I am still absolutely confident of winning. The attack on the President and Gov. Higgins by State Chairman Odell helped me very much. I am not ready at this time to make public the number of votes I expect to receive in the caucus next week, but I will say that I am entirely satisfied with the situation."

Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., Odell's candidate for speaker, said today: "I am still in the race, and I am going to win."

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